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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CAMEROON PERMREP NJINE'S STATEMENT
TO FIRST COMITE DEC 9 IN EXPLANATION OF CAMEROON'S ABSTENTION
ON FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTIONS.

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MR. NJINE (UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON) (INTERPRETATION FROM
FRENCH): MAY I REMIND THE COMMITTEE THAT ON 4 JULY 1972
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SIGNED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE
IN WHICH THEY PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE PROCESS OF
REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. IT WAS THEN AGREED THAT THAT
REUNIFICATION WAS TO BE INDEPENDENTLY ACHIEVED, BY
PEACEFUL MEANS AND WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GREAT
MOVEMENT OF NATION UNITY. THAT OPENING OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN
THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA WAS HAILED ENTHUSIASTICALLY, NOT
ONLY BY THE KOREAN NATION BUT ALSO BY OUR ORGANIZATION,
WHICH BY CONSENSUS ON 28 NOVEMBER 1973, NOTED WITH SATISFACTION
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THAT TURN OF EVENTS AND DECIDED TO DISSOLVE IMMEDIATELY THE

UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND
REHABILITATION OF KOREA.

MY DELEGATION DEPLORES THE FACT THAT FOR A YEAR NOW THE CONTINUATION
OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAS MET
WITH GROWING DIFFICULTIES. THIS SITUATION OUGHT NOT, IN OUR
OPINION, TO GIVE RISE TO EXCESSIVE PESSIMISM OR BE EXPLOITED
FOR PARTISAN PURPOSES. IT SHOULD RATHER HELP THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUE DIMENSIONS OF THE KOREAN
QUESTION, THROUGH PATIENT, REALISTIC AND DISINTERESTED EFFORTS.

MY DELEGATION SUGGESTS SOLUTIONS THAT ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE
TWO PARTS OF KOREA FOR THE ULTIMATE RESOLUTION OF THE ISSUES
INVOLVED. IN INVOKING THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE COURSE OF
THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THIS SESSION, THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON STATED THAT

"...WE CONSIDER THAT FOLLOWING THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNITED
NATION COMMISSION FOR THE UNIFICATION AND REHABILITATION
OF KOREA THE TIME HAS COME TO WITHDRAW ALL FOREIGN TROOPS
STILL STATIONED ON KOREAN TERRITORY. IT IS ONLY IN A
SITUATION FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE THAT THE PEOPLE
OF KOREA WILL BE ABLE FREELY AND EFFECTIVELY TO RESOLVE THE
PROBLEM OF THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF
THEIR COUNTRY." (A/PV.2257, P. 28-30)

MY GOVERNMENT, WHILE THUS EXPRESSING ITS OPINION OF THIS
QUESTION IN FULL INDEPENDENCE AND OBJECTIVITY, WISHES TO
REITERATE ITS RESPECT FOR THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE GOVERNMENTS
OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, WHICH ARE MAINTAINING DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH MY COUNTRY. WE WOULD ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS OUR
CONFIDENCE THAT THE KOREAN NATION WILL BE ABLE TO FIND, IN THE
LEGACY OF ITS LONG HISTORY AND RICH CULTURE, THE NECESSARY
ELEMENTS FOR OVERCOMING ITS PRESENT DIVISION.

THE POSITION OF MY DELEGATION SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE
INTERPRETED AS CONSTITUTING ANY ATTEMPT TO EXERT PRESSURE
ON THE POSITION OF EITHER OF THE PARTIES. MY GOVERNMENT
BELIEVES THAT NO EXCESSIVE POSITION CAN BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY,
AS TALLEYRAND SAID. THAT IS WHY IN THE PAST WEEKS MY
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GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTED, IN ITS CONTACTS WITH THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
IN KOREA, BOTH AT YAOUNDE, THE CAPITAL OF MY COUNTRY, AND
IN NEW YORK, TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS COMMITTEE
MIGHT ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS THIS YEAR AS WELL. WE REGRET
THAT THIS FRIENDLY UNDERTAKING WAS NOT CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.
THE ADOPTION OF ONE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THIS
COMMITTEE WILL NOT SOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM. ON THE CONTRARY,
WE BELIEVE THAT IT WILL HELP NOT ONLY TO POLARIZE THE VARIOUS

POSITIONS IN THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT ALSO TO CREATE FURTHER
DIVISION BETWEEN THE KOREANS THEMSELVES AND PERHAPS ALSO
BRING ABOUT AN IRREVERSIBLE ACCEPTANCE OF THE
INTERNATIONAL EXISTENCE OF THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA THAT WOULD
COMPLETELY DESTROY ANY HOPE OF THE REUNIFICATION OF THAT
COUNTRY.

IT SEEMS TO ME DESIRABLE THAT, ON THE ONE HAND, OUR COMMITTEE
SHOULD INVITE THE KOREANS TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM IN AN AT-
MOSPHERE OF TRUST AND PEACE AND, ON THE OTHER, THE GREAT
POWERS SHOULD AGREE TO INCLUDE THE KOREAN PENINSULA WITHIN
THE PRESENT PROCESS OF DETENTE.

THIS POLITICAL APPROACH DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN
REFLECTED IN THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS NOW BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.
CONSEQUENTLY MY DELEGATION WILL ABSTAIN IN THE VOTE ON ALL
THESE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. UNQTE
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